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OF TRANSPLANTED VIABLE CELLS

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Sir:

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO JULY 13, 2000
OFFICE ACTION, PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION
OF TIME, SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
AND CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97(E)(1)**

This Amendment is submitted in response to the July 13, 2000 Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the July 13, 2000 Office Action was originally due October 13, 2000. Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time in which to respond to the July 13, 2000 Office Action. The fee for a three-month extension is FOUR HUNDRED FORTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$445.00) for a small entity. Applicants have previously established small entity status. A check for a total amount of \$445.00 is enclosed. Therefore, a response is now due January 13, 2001. However, since January 13, 2001 was a Saturday, a response